

Comments on the proposed conservation of the names *Geopeltis* Regteren Altena, 1949, *Geoteuthis* Münster, 1843, *Jeletzkyteuthis* Doyle, 1990, *Loligosepia* Quenstedt, 1839, *Parabelopeltis* Naef, 1921, *Paraplesioteuthis* Naef, 1921 and *Belemnoteuthis montefiorei* Buckman, 1880 (Mollusca, Coleoidea)
(Case 2987; see BZN 53: 253–260)

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I write in support of the application by Engeser & Donovan to suppress the nominal genus *Belemnosepia* Buckland & Agassiz, 1836 in order to conserve the usage of the fossil coleoid names *Geopeltis*, *Geoteuthis*, *Jeletzkyteuthis*, *Loligosepia*, *Parabelopeltis* and *Paraplesioteuthis*. I agree wholeheartedly with this course of action as the continued availability of the earlier name *Belemnosepia* destabilises the above widely used generic names. Engeser & Donovan have put the case succinctly and persuasively, and their proposals should be accepted.

I also agree with their proposal to conserve the name *montefiorei* published in the binomen *Belemnoteuthis montefiorei*. The older name *Orthoceras belemnitooides* has not, to my knowledge, been widely applied in the coleoid literature and is effectively a nomen oblitum. The species name *montefiorei*, on the other hand, is widely used and continues to be a valuable descriptor of a probable phragmoteuthid from the Lower Jurassic of northern Europe.

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I write to support the case made by Engeser & Donovan for the suppression of *Belemnosepia* and *Orthoceras belemnitooides*. The former name was unknown to me, and between 1980 and 1983 I wrote three papers citing *Loligosepia* from Lyme Regis. Moreover, the name *Belemnosepia* is easily confused with *Belosaepia* and is unrelated to belemnites and to *Sepia*. Voltz (1840) listed various species and illustrations from Buckland (1826b) when describing his new genus *Belopeltis* from Lyme and Ohmden, but made no reference to plate 44 or to *Belemnosepia*. Thus Voltz, like Buckland but unlike d'Orbigny (1846), did not confuse the Lyme phragmoteuthids with the *Loligosepia-Geopeltis* group.

Comment on the proposed designation of *Atrypa laevis* Vanuxem, 1842 as the type species of *Meristella* Hall, 1859 (Brachiopoda)
(Case 3003; see BZN 53: 182–183; 54: 50–51)

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I write in support of the proposal by Fernando Alvarez to designate *Atrypa laevis* Vanuxem, 1842 as the type species of *Meristella* Hall, 1859. The argument put forward is sound and merits the action proposed.